

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to *Monascus purpureus* mutants, which are useful in the preparation of fermentation products having blood pressure lowering activity with a very low amount of citrinin.

- 5 The invention also provides a process for preparing the fermentation products having blood pressure lowering activity using the *Monascus purpureus* mutants, and the use of the fermentation products in lowering blood pressure.